



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
December 11, 2007**

**MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Commissioner Schweers opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Silent Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Sassano, Commissioner Schweers, Commissioner Levy and Commissioner Akins.

**SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Chief Lindsey presented a Certificate of Recognition to Megan Conway for her Good Samaritan act in reporting two leaking fire hydrants. Chief Lindsey presented a Certificate of Recognition to Heather Benedict for observing safety procedures and taking the initiative to avoid a potentially damaging incident.

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

Award of Merit – Terrence Lindgren

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comments were made.

**ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

No items to be pulled for discussion.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Commissioner Sassano made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1-4 as presented. Commissioner Morris seconded, all in favor, motion carried.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

No Administrative Agenda Items.

**WALK-ON ITEMS**

**CONDUCT THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE TO OCCUR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2007 BOARD MEETING. *Commissioner Schweers asked the board for nominations. Commissioner Sassano made a motion to nominate Commissioner Schweers as Chairman. Commissioner Morris seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Morris made a motion to nominate Commissioner Levy as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Sassano made a motion to nominate Commissioner Akins as Treasurer. Commissioner Levy seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Akins made a motion to nominate Commissioner Sassano as Secretary. Commissioner Morris seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.***

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

## COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- ✓ Commissioner Levy inquired as to the October Monthly Report and the response time. Chief Lindsey explained the changes with the Lee County dispatch system on October 15, which affected the response times.
- ✓ Commissioner Levy also inquired as to the status of the traffic signal at Station 2. Chief Lindsey noted the Traffic Signal Agreement with Oakbrook Properties had been executed and a copy was provided to each commissioner. Chief Lindsey stated the signal is now in the design stage and is moving forward.
- ✓ Commissioner Sassano noted the Lee County Commissioners forum in December in which she and Commissioner Akins had volunteered to host the event. Due to the fact that the administration building is under construction at this time, Commissioner Sassano inquired if EFR could provide the refreshments for the event and possibly ask Bonita Springs or San Carlos to host. General Counsel Charles Schoech noted that a decision would be need to be made among the board. ***Commissioner Akins made a motion that the board contact Bonita Springs Fire or San Carlos Fire to host the December event and if one of them is receptive, that EFR provide the refreshments for the event and that the board finds the expenditure to be of public purpose. Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.***
- ✓ Commissioner Sassano inquired as to whether or not EFR would be participating in Toys for Tots. Chief Lindsey informed the board that we will be participating in the event and to contact Ms. Lindenmuth with any questions.

## ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Dan Wilson with Deangelis Diamond provided aerial photographs of the construction. Mr. Wilson noted the ground slab is scheduled to be poured this week and parking lot preparation is underway. Mr. Wilson stated that we are on schedule. Mr. Wilson explained the existing modular building would need to be removed at least two months before the CO for the building.

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Lindsey noted that Phase I of the relocation plan has been completed whereas some personnel have been relocated from the existing modular unit in an effort to reduce traffic in the area (Battalion Chief was relocated to Station 1; Division Chief Dwyer was moved to the back room of Red Base; Deputy Chief Siegfried, PRM Susan Lindenmuth and Administrative Assistant Maria Ramos were relocated to the front area of Red Base. Phase II will involve the inspectors and the Plans Examiner being relocated to one of the fire stations.
- Chief Lindsey noted that the public records request pertaining to the specific article to be reopened for contract negotiations was available on Thursday, November 8 and was picked up this morning by DVP Collins. Chief Lindsey is now waiting to pick dates for contract negotiations.
- Chief Lindsey briefly mentioned the incident at Marsh Landing involving a 3 year old boy, which has now made national attention.
- Chief Lindsey addressed the questions of consolidation and reaffirmed and restated that the consolidation committee is comprised of 6 individuals, 2 from each district, who are on a fact finding mission under the direction by the fire chief for each district. Chief Lindsey also noted the joint meeting among the three boards will be scheduled in January and intends to have a date for the commissioners at the December meeting. Chief Lindsey also stated that everything is in order and there is no violation of the Sunshine Law with these individuals meeting as a committee as they are not elected officials. General Counsel Charles Schoech reiterated that these

individuals are not elected officials and not a committee appointed by the board, therefore no violation of the Sunshine Law. Chief Lindsey noted that the committee is not making decisions, but only on a fact finding mission. Commissioner Akins inquired as to what was the direction given by the three fire chiefs to prepare the white paper. Chief Lindsey noted that the committee is on a fact seeking mission on all consolidation/merger options. Chief Lindsey noted the joint meeting among the three boards will be a public meeting. It was noted that a decision would need to be made to determine the structure of the meeting and who will run the meeting. Commissioner Akins noted she has seen this done as an informal selection at the meeting as to who would chair that particular meeting.

***Commissioner Levy made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Sassano seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.***

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Gayle M. Sassano, Secretary**